

In the Claims:

Claims 1 through 24 are cancelled.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS:

25. (New) An inter-convertible single person type transporting aid (10) comprising a multi directionally propellable wheeled carrier facility (12) that is fitted with user controllable, powerable propulsion means (16) arranged to drive the aid (10) via a drive wheel arrangement (14) and which aid (10) is formable by a user into a variety of conditions of use characterised in that

the aid (10) is without at least substantial external aid if at all inter-convertible between at least two of

a walk support providing condition in which it, in serving as walk supporter (38), provides for a user to be positioned within a conventionally walker fashion extending semi enclosing frame (44) forming part of the facility (12) in the appropriate case involving the latter's suitable re-adjustment,

a sitting transporter type condition in which it serves as a sitting transporter (40) on appropriate manipulation relative to if not fitting of at least part of a seat arrangement (50) to the carrier facility (12) in the appropriate case also involving the latter's suitable re-adjustment, and

a standing transporter providing condition in which it serves as a standing transporter (42) as brought about by the appropriate removable positioning of a standing base (76) relative to the carrier facility (12) including the use of the semi enclosing frame (44) with the propulsion means (16) being arranged to at least be employable for propelling the aid when in its sitting or standing transporter providing condition to whichever condition the aid (10) is convertible if not to both,

and in that

the carrier facility (12) incorporates a drive wheel arrangement carrying user accommodating part (20) of which the semi-enclosed frame (44) forms part and that is arranged to at least one of holding the seat arrangement (50) when the aid is in its sitting transporter

providing condition and at least partly serving for mounting the standing base (76) once the aid (10) is inter-converted into its standing transporter providing condition, to at least one of whichever conditions the aid is inter-convertible into, while the user accommodating part (20) is used as such once the facility (12) is converted into its walk support providing condition if thus inter-convertible, and

a wheeled base frame (22), to which the user accommodating part (20) is displaceably mounted while being biased by biasing means relative to the base frame (22) to a condition of drive wheel arrangement disengagement from a rolling base onto which the aid is situated once in use thereby enabling the powerable propulsion of the aid when in its appropriate condition, once the user accommodating part (20) is exposed to a downward exerted force as brought about at least once the aid (10), as appropriately converted, is occupied owing to causing the drive wheel arrangement (14) to come into rolling engagement with such rolling base.

26.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which the drive wheel arrangement (14) is constrainable against rolling for serving a braking effect against free rolling of the aid (10) to whichever condition it is inter-converted thereby also enabling the controlling of the free rolling motion of the aid (10) once in its walk support providing condition, when so inter-convertible, as brought about by the urging of the drive wheel arrangement (14) by a user, once constrained against free rolling, to come into braking contact with a rolling base in response to the manual exertion of a downward force on the user accommodating part via the semi enclosing frame (44).

27.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which the drive wheel arrangement (14) is in the form of laterally spaced independently to and fro drivable drive wheels as mounted to the user accommodating part (20) that are suitably positioned relative to the remainder of the carrier facility (12) to also enable rotation of the aid (10), at least when in its sitting transporter or standing transporter providing condition, into at least one of whichever conditions the carrier facility (12) is convertible, about a substantially centrally extending upright axis (34).

28.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 27 in which the user accommodating part (20) engages with the wheeled base frame (22) via laterally extending drive wheel carrying arms (26) that each passes snugly displaceably along base frame presented sleeves (28) and to the bottom ends of which arms (26) the drive wheels (14) are respectively mounted.

29.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 27 in which the aid is multi-directionally propellable via castor wheels (26) at least one of each being positioned at the outer corners of the wheeled base frame (22) as correspondingly formed, the drive wheels (14) thus being situated intermediate front and rear castor wheels (26) found along each side of the wheeled base frame (22).

30.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which the semi-enclosing frame (44) is in the form of a transverse gripping handle providing frame member (46) extending into upper end arms (48) integrally incorporated in the user accommodating part (20), the gripping handle providing frame member (46) also being employed for securing a backrest portion (70) of the seat arrangement (50) once the aid is in its sitting transporter providing condition, in the case of being so inter-convertible.

31.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which in the case of the carrier facility (12) being appropriately inter-convertible, the seat arrangement (50) includes a support grid (54) supporting a seat base (68) with the seat arrangement (50) being releasably secured to the user accommodating part (20) once the aid is in its sitting transporter providing condition, removal of the support grid (54) and seat base (68) and in the appropriate case further re-adjustment of the carrier facility (12) thus enabling access of a user to the semi enclosing frame (44) for using the aid as the walk supporter (38) or as a standing transporter (42), into whichever condition the aid is inter-convertible if not to both.

32.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which aid (10) is inter-convertible, and the seat arrangement (50) includes a seat base (68) that is swivelably secured to

the user accommodating part (20) thus being displaceable between a seat base providing condition and a stored condition.

33.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which in the carrier facility (12) is inter-convertible, and the standing base (76), as involved in its inter-conversion into the standing transporter (42), is formed to extend at least partly intermediate the base frame (22) while at least engaging with supports forming part of the user accommodating part (20) to cause its downward urging into drive wheel to rolling base engagement once the aid (10), as inter-converted for use as a standing transporter, is occupied.

34.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which the aid is in its sitting transporter providing condition, and is thus formable into, on the one hand, its walk support or its standing transporter providing conditions, into at least one of whichever conditions the facility (12) is convertible into, on the other hand, to face in opposite directions.

35.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which the user accommodating part (20) engages releasably with the wheeled base frame (22) enabling the collapsing of the carrier facility (12) and thus the transporting aid (10).

36.(New) A transporting aid as claimed in claim 25 in which the carrier facility (12) is comprised to be formed into the walk supporter (38), the sitting transporter (40) and the standing transporter (42), in the latter two cases requiring relevant supplementation.

37.(New) An inter-convertible single person type transporting aid set assemblable into a single person type transporting aid (10) that is inter-convertible into at least two of a walk support providing condition, a sitting transporter type condition and a standing transporter providing condition comprising

a user accommodating part (20) incorporating a semi-enclosed frame (44) and which part (20) at least provides for being fitted with a drive wheel arrangement (14) if not incorporating such thus forming a drive wheel arrangement carrying user accommodating part while further being arranged to at least one of holding a suitable seat arrangement when such aid (10), once assembled from the set, is in its sitting transporter providing condition and at least partly serving for mounting a suitable standing base once such aid (10), as so assembled, is inter-converted into its standing transporter providing condition, to at least one of whichever conditions it is inter-convertible to while the user accommodating part (20) is used as such if such aid (10) as thus assembled, is converted into its walk support providing condition, if thus inter-convertible,

a wheeled base frame (22), to which the user accommodating part (20) is displaceably mountable while, once so mounted thus forming a multi directionally propellable wheeled carrier facility (12), being biased by biasing means relative to the base frame (22) to a condition of drive wheel arrangement disengagement from a rolling base onto which such aid (10) as thus assembled, is situated once in use,

user controllable, powerable propulsion means (16) suitably securable to one of the user accommodating part (20) and the wheeled base frame (22) for use in driving the drive wheel arrangement (14) and thus such carrier facility (12) once appropriately assembled and converted, and

a drive wheel arrangement (14) if not already incorporated in the user accommodating part (20),

such aid (10), once assembled from the set, thus being inter-convertible into serving at least two of a walk supporter (38), providing for a user to be positioned within the conventionally walker fashion extending semi enclosing frame (44) forming part of the user accommodating part (20), a sitting transporter (40), requiring appropriate manipulation relative to if not fitting of at least part of such seat arrangement to such carrier facility (12), once assembled from the user accommodating part (20) and the wheeled base frame (22), and a standing transporter (42), requiring the appropriate removable positioning of such standing base (76) relative to such carrier facility (12).

38.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 37 in which the drive wheel arrangement (14) is constrainable against rotation for serving a braking effect against free rolling of an aid (10) once assembled from the set, to whichever condition it is inter-converted thereby also enabling the controlling of its free rolling motion once in its walk support providing condition, when so inter-convertible, as brought about by the urging of the drive wheel arrangement (14) by a user, once constrained against free rolling, to come into braking contact with a rolling base in response to the manual exertion of a downward force on the user accommodating part via the semi enclosing frame (44).

39.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 39 in which the drive wheel arrangement (14) is in the form of laterally spaced independently to and fro drivable drive wheels that are mounted to the user accommodating part (20) and that are suitably positioned relative to the remainder of a carrier facility (12) once an aid (10) is assembled from the set, to also enable the rotation of such aid (10) as thus assembled, at least when in its sitting transporter or standing transporter providing condition, into the at least one of whichever conditions such carrier facility (12) is convertible once assembled from the user accommodating part (20) and the wheeled base frame (22), about a substantially centrally extending upright axis (34).

40.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 39 in which the user accommodating part (20) is engageable with the wheeled base frame (22) via laterally extending drive wheel carrying arms (26) that is each formed to snugly though displaceably pass along base frame presented sleeves (28) and to the bottom ends of which arms (26) the drive wheels (14) are respectively mounted during assembling of the set.

41.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 37 in which the wheeled base frame (22) is multi-directionally propellable via castor wheels (26) at least one of each being positioned at its outer corners as correspondingly formed, the drive wheels (14), once the set is assembled into an aid (10), thus being situated intermediate front and rear castor wheels (26) found along each side of the wheeled base frame (22).

42.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 37 in which the semi-enclosing frame (44) is in the form of a transverse gripping handle providing frame member (46) extending into upper end arms (48) integrally incorporated in the user accommodating part (20), the gripping handle providing frame member (46) also being employed for securing a backrest portion of a suitable seat arrangement once an aid (10), as assembled from the set, is in its sitting transporter providing condition, in the case of being so inter-convertible.

43.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 37 in which aid (10) includes at least one of a seat arrangement (50) and a standing base (76) depending into whichever one of the walk support providing condition and the sitting transporter type condition such aid (10) once assembled from the set is inter-convertible into, if not into both.

44.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 43 in which in the case of an aid (10) as assembled from the set is appropriately inter-convertible, the seat arrangement (50) includes a support grid (54) supporting a seat base (68) with the seat arrangement (50) being releasably secured to the user accommodating part (20) once such aid (10), as thus assembled, is in its sitting transporter providing condition, removal of the support grid (54) and seat base (68) and in the appropriate case further re-adjustment enabling access of a user to the semi enclosing frame (44) for using such aid (10), as thus assembled, as a walk supporter (38) or as a standing transporter (42), into whichever condition it is inter-convertible into if not to both.

45.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 43 in which in the case of an aid (10) once assembled from the set is appropriately inter-convertible, the seat arrangement (50) includes a seat base (68) that is swivelably secured to the user accommodating part (20) thus being displaceable between a seat base providing condition and a stored condition.

46.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 43 in which in the case of an aid (10) once assembled from the set, is appropriately inter-convertible, the standing base (76),

as involved in inter-converting such aid (10) into a standing transporter (42) is formed to extend at least partly intermediate the base frame (22) while at least engaging with supports forming part of the user accommodating part (20) to cause its downward urging into drive wheel to rolling base engagement once such aid (10), as inter-converted for use as a standing transporter, is occupied.

47.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in claim 37 in which an aid (10) as thus assembled from the set, is arranged to cause its sitting transporter providing condition, as thus formable, on the one hand, and its walk support or its standing transporter providing conditions, into at least one of whichever conditions the facility (12) is convertible, on the other hand, to face in opposite directions.

48.(New) A transporting aid set as claimed in any one of claims 37 in which the inter conversion an aid (10) is assembled into a walk supporter (38), a sitting transporter (40) and a standing transporter (42), in the appropriate case requiring relevant supplementation.